

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 14 2014

RE: GOV. MSG. NO. 579

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2014
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Technology and the Arts, to which was referred Governor's Message No. 579, submitting for study and consideration the nomination of:

CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER OF THE OFFICE OF INFORMATION MANAGEMENT
AND TECHNOLOGY

G.M. No. 579 KEONE KALI,
for a term to expire 6-30-2014,

begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee has reviewed the personal history and statement submitted by the nominee and finds Keone Kali to possess the requisite qualifications to be nominated as the Chief Information Officer for the Office of Information Management and Technology.

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination of Keone Kali from the Department of Accounting and General Services, Hawaii Campaign Spending Commission, Healthcare Association of Hawaii, and thirty-five individuals.

Since October 2012, Mr. Kali has worked as a Deputy Chief Information Officer for the Office of Information Management and Technology. Mr. Kali also served for many years as the Director of Information Technology at the Pacific Disaster Center on Maui, where he modernized the Center's information technology infrastructure. Prior to returning to his home state of Hawaii, he worked in California as a Chief Information Officer and Director of Information Technology for the City of Beverly Hills.

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Mr. Kali received a Bachelor of Arts in Geography with emphasis in Computer Science from the University of California in Los Angeles.

Your Committee finds that Mr. Kali is admired and respected by his colleagues, as evidenced by the overwhelmingly positive testimony submitted on his behalf. He has been instrumental in successfully implementing and modernizing technology infrastructure and establishing a strong, reliable, and secure technology foundation for Hawaii. Mr. Kali has demonstrated excellent leadership skills and the ability to mobilize multiple departments and bring together differing groups to achieve focused results. He is described as a dynamic leader with the intelligence, expertise, integrity, professionalism, and determination to ensure Hawaii's success in the digital age.

Your Committee finds that Mr. Kali has excellent credentials and has demonstrated a high level of understanding of the State's technology needs and how those needs can be met. He has strong cultural ties to Hawaii and is committed to the development of the State's information technology workforce. Mr. Kali has the experience and leadership capabilities necessary to lead Hawaii in the challenging technology future.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Technology and the Arts that is attached to this report, your Committee, after full consideration of the background, experience, and qualifications of the nominee, has found the nominee to be qualified for the position to which nominated and recommends that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Technology and the
Arts,



GLENN WAKAI, Chair



Record of Votes
Committee on Technology and the Arts
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Advise and Consent

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